

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Iraq

a. The initial honeymoon between the Kurdish rebels and the new regime could be drawing to a close. The Kurds think they are being double-crossed--many Kurdish nationalists are still in prison, including some initially released, and they are being put off on the matter of autonomy.

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f. From Baghdad
Soviet military advisers are going
back out to their jobs on Saturday.

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2. Cuba-
South America

a. A group of Argentines--
back from training in Cuba--is now in
Uruguay preparing to organize a
guerrilla effort in Argentina.

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3. Cuba.

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Castro is using the Red Cross transport to unload "a great number of undesirables." Except for those ousted from property the government wanted, they are described variously as "the dregs of Cuban society, the physically disabled, Castroites, neophyte Communists, or genuine Castro agents."

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4. Syria

a. The declaration broadcast by the Foreign Minister proposing federation with Iraq seems bound to lead to trouble, even though a considerable body of Syrian opinion may favor such a move.

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b. Egypt has always opposed
Iraqi-Syrian union. We expect Nasir
to do everything we can to block it.

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5. Test Ban

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b. In private talks with the US delegation, Kuznetsov is unyielding on three as the number of inspections.

c. In talking about US underground testing, Kuznetsov said the USSR would have to take the "necessary actions to protect its own security".

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NOTES

- A. Sino-Soviet Dispute Pravda has published an Indian Communist proposal for a world Communist conference next December. This sounds like an endorsement but we doubt it; the Russians still set up pre-conditions unacceptable to the Chinese. The 13th Anniversary celebrations of the Sino-Soviet alliance were half-hearted in both Moscow and Peiping.
- B. UK According to the British Gallup Poll published Tuesday [redacted] 60 percent of the respondents favor an early general election, the Labor Party lead over the Conservatives has gone up to 15.5 percentage points, and either Brown or Wilson (elected party leader yesterday) could defeat Macmillan.
- C. Congo Adoula and General Mobutu are increasingly determined to get more Congolese Army troops into Katanga [redacted] in order to get a firm grip on the province before UN withdrawals begin. [redacted]
- D. Laos Phoumi says his forces are in touch with Kong Le's and ready to render assistance should the Pathet Lao attack. Phoumi also says he is arranging some funds for Kong Le's troops.

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- E. France According to the press, "several" army officers have been arrested, apparently yesterday, for a plot against De Gaulle. No details are yet available.
- F. Venezuela Havana Radio says Cuba will offer asylum to anyone on the hijacked Venezuelan ship who wishes it; the ship would be turned over to the UN. The search for the ship continues. [REDACTED]
- G. East Germany Ulbricht's regime is undergoing a paroxysm of personnel shifts aimed at achieving less inept management of the economy. Younger, more aggressive men are being brought in; not everyone is happy over this. [REDACTED]
- H. White Africa Portugal, Rhodesia and South Africa are edging closer to a defense arrangement. Representatives are to meet in Mozambique next month. [REDACTED]

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